

# Why choose GCSE History?

History is continuously changing the world around us and historic events have helped to shape our society.

## **You'll learn valuable skills...**

Apart from studying a wide range of exciting historic periods, you'll learn a range of handy skills that will help you with A-levels and future work.

These include:

- Excellent communication and writing skills
- How to construct an argument
- Research and problem skills
- Investigation and problem-solving skills
- Analytical and interpretation skills.

## **Look ahead at possible future careers**

Studying history can lead on to some exciting career options, including:

- **Social Work**
- **HR**
- **Journalism**
- **Law**
- **Business**
- **Politics**
- **Archaeology**
- **Marketing**
- **Teaching**
- **Museums**
- **Architecture**

## What topics will you study?

You'll study four elements, split over two exams:

- One period study
- One thematic study
- One wider world depth study
- One British depth study including the historic environment.

## Assessment

At GCSE there are two exams – Paper 1 and 2 are each worth 50% and last for 2 hours each.

These exams consist of short answer questions and longer, essay type questions. You will be given lots of guidance and examples to show you how to answer these question types

## Assessment One: Understanding the Modern World

- Section A: Period studies.

Germany, 1890–1945: Democracy and dictatorship

- Section B: Wider world depth studies

Conflict and tension in Asia, 1950–1975

## Assessment Two: Shaping the nation

- Section A: Thematic studies

Britain: health and the people, c1000–present

- Section B: British depth studies including the historic environment

Norman England, c1066–c1100



# FAQs

## Is there coursework?

No, all exams are linear with no controlled assessment or coursework. There are only 2 history exams!

## Will I go on any trips?

Yes, there will be trips to Cosford RAF base, the Medical Museums in Worcester Infirmary and a trip to a Medieval Site e.g. a castle or battle site. Plus trips to places like France and Berlin!

## How do GCSE grades in numerical format work?

Grades 8 & 9 are equivalent to higher and lower A\*, Grade 4 & 5 are equivalent to Grade C and Grade 1 is equivalent to a Grade G.

## Is this a good course?

Yes, History gives you so many transferrable skills. Sometimes there is a lot of reading but all the writing is broken down into chunks and you have lots of support. Plus fewer exams than some other subjects! History is an awesome subject, you have made a great choice!

## Does spelling matter?

Yes a little! A percentage of your marks are based on SPaG

## Will I need to buy books?

Yes. We will expect you to buy a revision guide when they are published. You will be set work from the guide and so having a book will be compulsory. We will tell you more in class.